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Subject:
Miscellaneous Rule Changes

Overview:
Effective 1/1/2010, the following rule changes are made:

1. Replace Article 3.1.B.2.b with the following:

   b. Flag decals representing the home region of the driver and co-driver shall be placed to the "B" pillar side of the driver's or co-driver's name. Each flags shall be 2" in height. It is encouraged that each competitor's home state (or province) flag be used or their home country flag may be used.

   Rationale: This change to the Visual Identification Package is being made to provide more information to the public and sponsors about where rally competitors come from.

2. Replace Article 5.2.E with the following:

   E. All patches and embroidery on a driving suit must be applied in a manner that is acceptable to the manufacturer of that driving suit.

   Rationale: The sentence concerning patches on national competitors' driving suits was removed because it duplicated Article 3.3.A.

3. Remove Article 6.4.A.1.a.

   Rationale: Most of the rules concerning auxiliary driving lights have been withdrawn. The remaining rule concerning them can be policed during a rally and does not need to be checked at scrutineering.

4. Replace Article 7.2.E.4 with the following:

   4. Drivers and co-drivers may mark their Stage Notes book(s) with comments from a previous running (or runnings) of a stage during the

same event. When approved reconnaissance is offered, they may also mark their Stage Notes book(s) with comments from any source except reconnaissance done in violation of Rally America rules.

Rationale: The original wording could have been interpreted to allow competitors who did not participate in approved reconnaissance to mark their Stage Notes based on comments from competitors who did participate. These changes clarify the intent of the rule.

5. Add the following section to Article 7.3:

G. Competitors may copy reconnaissance notes to another book for use on stage.

Rationale: This rule change is being made to address concerns that recce annotated stage notes and route books could be hard to read on stage and potentially dangerous.

6. Replace Article 7.5.A.6 with the following:

6. All controls, (i.e., Observation Controls, MTCs, Arrival with Start Controls, Finish Controls, and Regrouping Controls) will be indicated by means of Rally America approved signs. ~~A Control Zone is defined as being from 100' prior to the Clock sign or flying finish, to 100' after the last manned portion of the control, unless indicated otherwise by Control Zone signs (illustrated in Appendix 2).~~

Rationale: Part of a number of rule changes to better describe control zones.

7. Add the following section to Article 7.5.C:

7. A MTC control zone shall be laid out as follows:

a. The control zone starts at a Control Zone Entry sign.

b. The time control, indicated by a Time Control sign, is located 100' from the Control Zone Entry sign.

c. The end of the control zone is indicated by an End of Control Zone sign, located 100' from the Time Control.

Rationale: Part of a number of rule changes to better describe control zones.

8. Replace Article 7.5.E.2.a with the following:

a. The Finish Control Zone starts at an Approaching Flying Finish sign.

Rationale: Part of a number of rule changes to better describe control zones.

9. Replace Article 7.5.E.2.b with the following:

b. The end of the timed portion of the stage is indicated by Flying Finish signs, one located on each side of the road, 100' from the Approaching Flying Finish sign.

Rationale: Part of a number of rule changes to better describe control zones.

10. Replace Article 7.5.F with the following:

F. Passage Control

A Passage Control is used to record each competitor's passage through a particular point along the designated route. It may also be used to perform an additional function, such as time card exchange, or simply to confirm that competitors are following the rally route. A Passage Control may or may not be noted in the route book.

1. Layout of a Passage Control

a. The control zone starts at a Control Zone Entry sign.

b. The time control, indicated by a Time Control sign, is located approximately 100' from the Control Zone Entry sign.

c. The end of the control zone is indicated by an End of Control Zone sign, located approximately 100' from the Time Control.

d. A Passage Control will be clearly marked and not hidden.

2. Observation Control

An Observation (or "O") Control is an unannounced Passage Control, used to check for competitor violations of state or local laws (especially speeding) in transit sections, contestants' use of illegal pace notes on stage, or other violations of regulations.

Rationale: Part of a number of rule changes to better describe control zones.

11. Replace Article 8.1.C with the following:

C. Ten seconds for each minute late check-in at an ATC, MTC, Regrouping Control or Parc Fermé during the rally or Parc Exposé within a Leg of a rally.

Rationale: The previous wording of the Article was not clear.

12. Replace the first sentence of Article 10.2.A.1 with the following:

1. The Open Category is comprised of four classes: Open, Open Light, Group 5 and Group 2.

Rationale: Open Light was unintentionally left out of this list when the class was

introduced.

13. Remove Article 10.2.A.1.a.

    Rationale: Article 10.2.A.1.a described terms under which Article 10.2.A.6 applied. However, Article 10.2.A.6 described more specific terms and this made Article 10.2.A.1.a meaningless, so Article 10.2.A.1.a is being removed.

14. Replace the title and introductory paragraph of Article 10.2.A.6 with the following:

    6. National Open Class

    Open Class vehicles entered in Rally America National Championship rallies are subject to the following limitations:

    Rationale: These changes simplify the rule without changing the intent of the rule.

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